

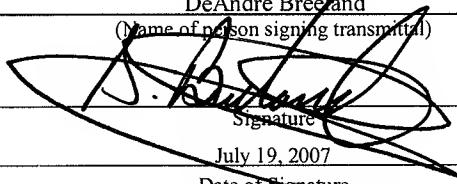
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Satoru Maeda, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 20, 2007, having a three-month period for response set to expire on July 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.